GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2913
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES IN BIHAR
DUKHA BHAGAT;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all villages in Bihar specially in Ranchi District have been electrified;

(b) if not, the number of villages in this district yet to be electrified;

(c) the details of the results achieved during the Eighth Five Year Plan as per the target fixed; and

(d) the time by which all the villages of the above State are likely to be electrified?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): According to Central Electricity Authority(CEA),out of a total number of 67513 inhabited villages in Bihar (1991 Census), 47888 villages have been electrified by the end of March, 2000. In Ranchi District, out of a total of 2038 villages, (1991 Census) 1409 villages have been electrified as on 31st March, 2000 leaving a balance of 629 villages yet to be electrified.

(c): State-wise details of village electrification during the Eighth Five Year Plan is given at Annexure.

(d): The priorities for village electrification are determined by the State Electricity Boards/State Governments concerned and the time frame for complete electrification of villages would largely depend upon the availability of financial resources for creating infrastructure systems, availability of power in the State and the demand of the consumers.